

# **Robust Multivariable Flutter Suppression for the Benchmark Active Control Technology (BACT) Wind-Tunnel Model**

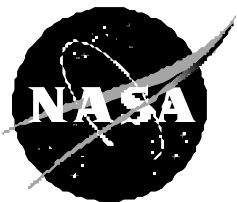
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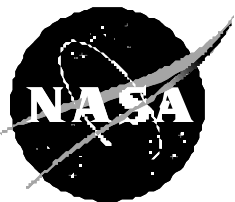
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# BACT Program Overview

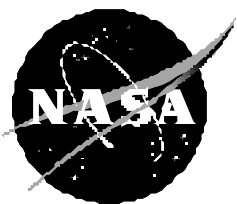
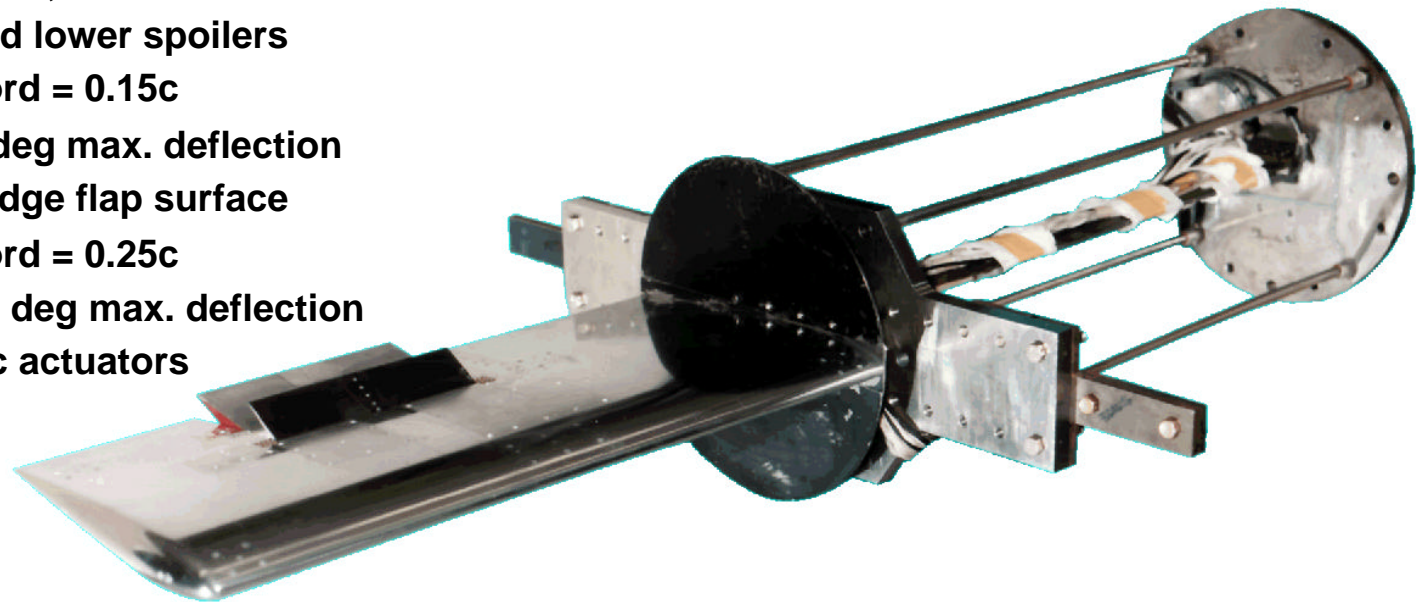
- **Benchmark Aeroelastic Models Program**
  - study physics of aeroelastic phenomena
    - » classical transonic flutter “bucket”
    - » shock induced instabilities
    - » dynamic vortex-structure interaction
  - data to validate steady and unsteady aero codes
  - active control of aeroelastic systems
- **Benchmark Active Control Technology (BACT)**
  - high quality unsteady aero data near flutter
  - active flutter suppression
    - » innovative control concepts - spoilers and multiple effectors
    - » innovative design methods -  $H_\infty$ ,  $\mu$ -synthesis, neural nets
  - validate on-line controller performance evaluation tool



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# BACT System Overview

- **Pitch and Plunge Apparatus (PAPA)**
  - 2-DOF : pitch and plunge
  - 5-6 deg max. rotation
  - 1.5 inch max. deflection
- **Wind-Tunnel Model**
  - rigid NACA 0012 airfoil
  - $AR = 2$  ( $c = 16$  in.,  $b = 32$  in.)
- **Control Surfaces**
  - span =  $0.3b$ , centered at  $0.6b$
  - upper and lower spoilers
    - » chord =  $0.15c$
    - » 45 deg max. deflection
  - trailing edge flap surface
    - » chord =  $0.25c$
    - »  $\pm 15$  deg max. deflection
  - hydraulic actuators
- **Instrumentation**
  - 4 accelerometers in corners of wing
  - pitch angle sensors
  - 70 pressure transducers
    - » 58 @  $0.6b$  (incl. control surfaces)
    - » 17 @  $0.4b$
  - add'l transducers on splitter plate
  - accels and strain gauges on PAPA



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# Flutter Suppression Control Laws

- **Design Objectives**

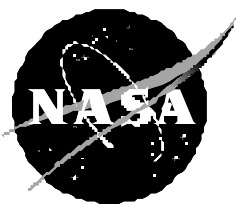
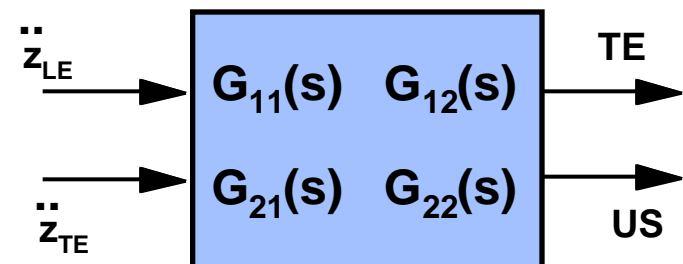
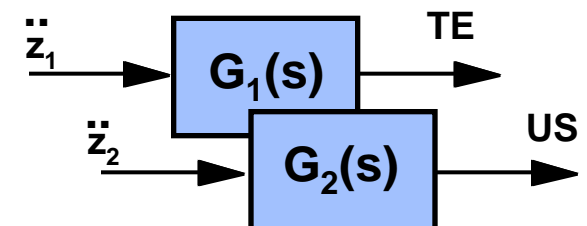
- Stability Over Entire Operating Range
- Acceptable Control Activity
- Simple Implementation

- **Traditionally Designed SISO Controllers**

- Demonstrate Flutter Suppression Using *Spoilers*
- Develop Performance Specifications
- Coupled SISO Controllers

- **Robust MIMO Controllers**

- Demonstrate Multivariable Flutter Suppression
- Evaluate Enhanced Robustness Properties



# MIMO Controller Design Methods

- **Robustness**

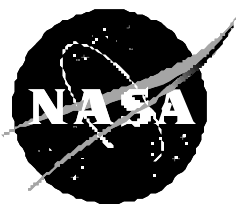
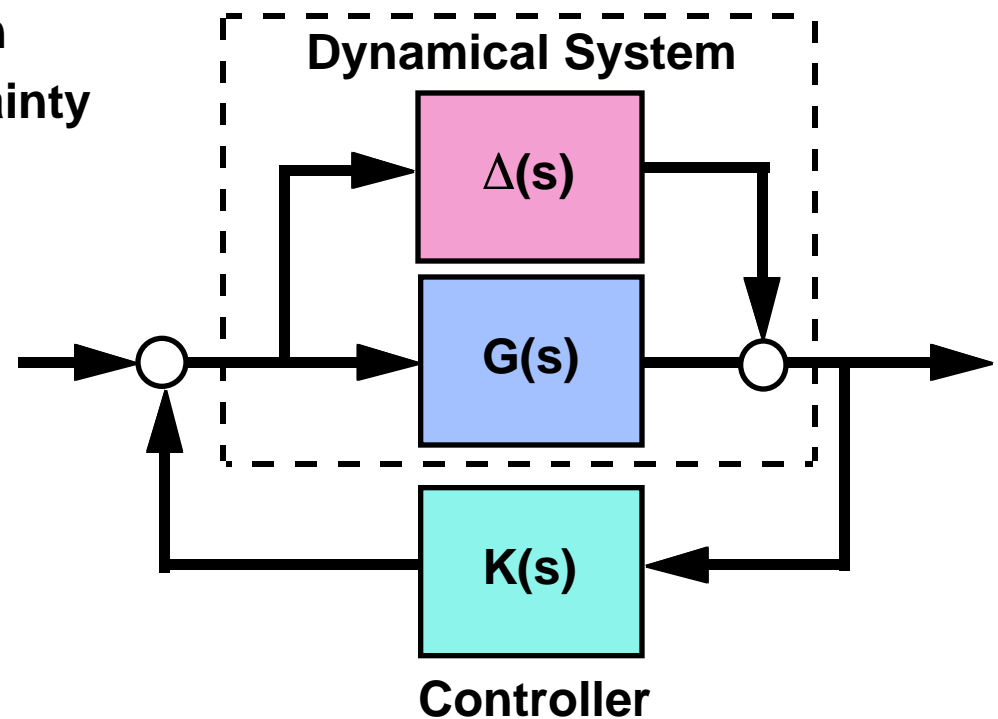
- Maintain Stability and Performance Subject to Model Variation
- Variations Include
  - » Operating Condition
  - » Model Error/Uncertainty

- **H Control**

- Robust Stability
- Nominal Performance

- **$\mu$ -Synthesis**

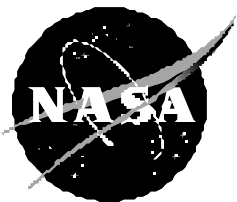
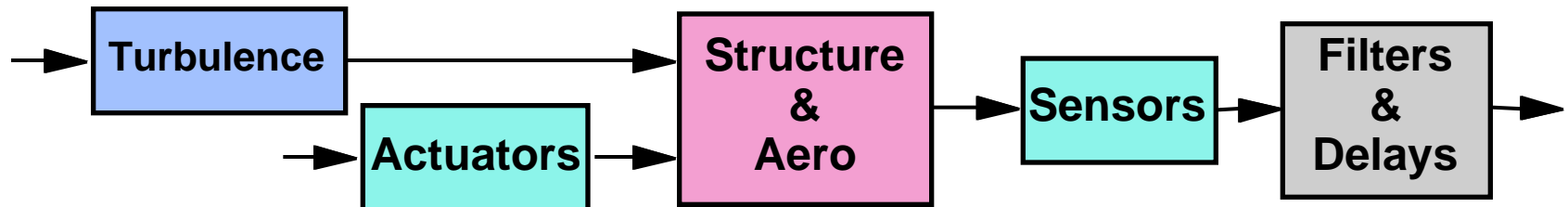
- Robust Stability
- Robust Performance
- Structured Uncertainty



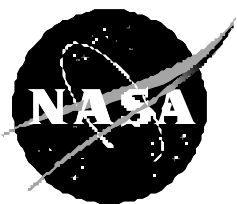
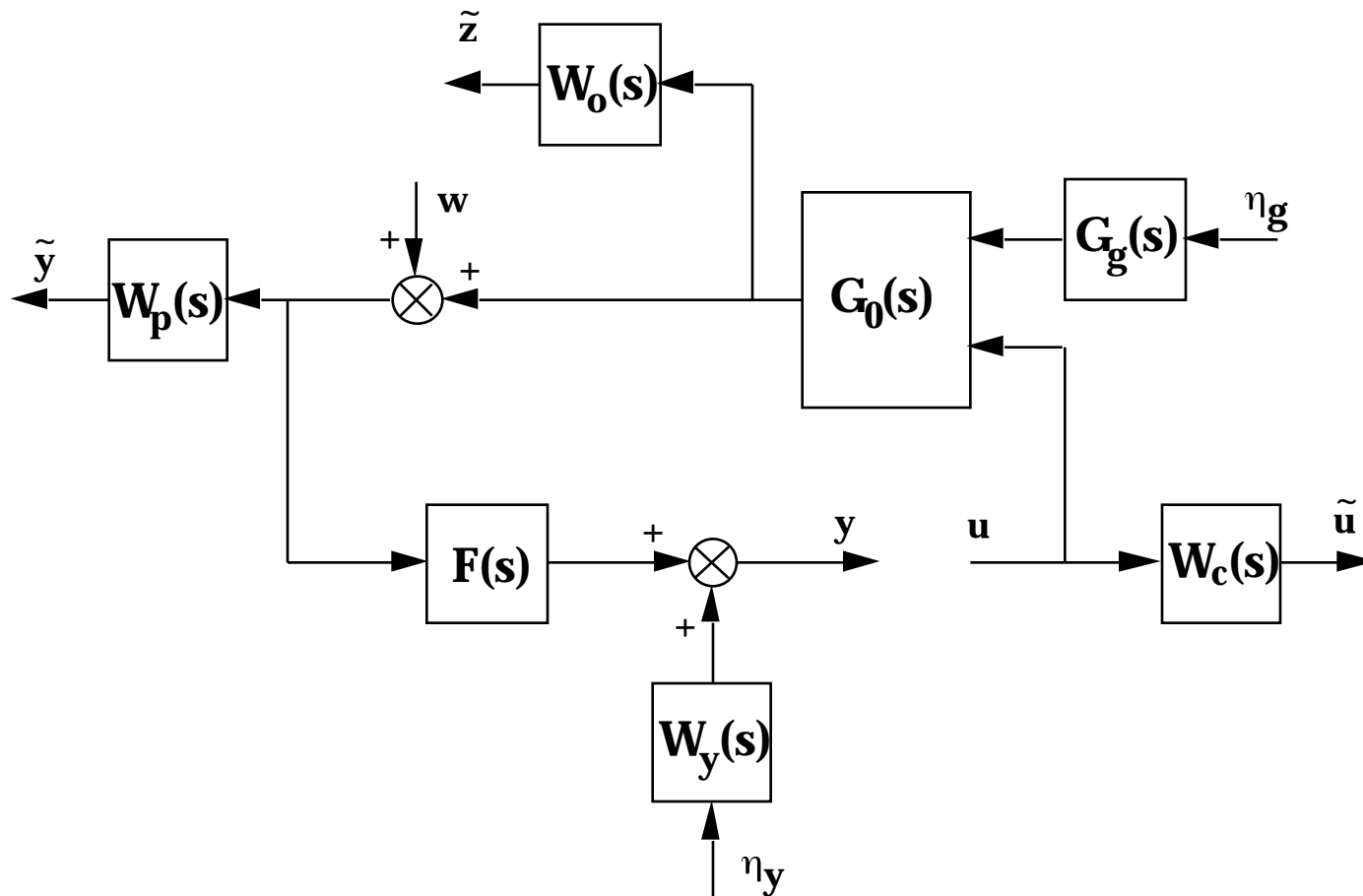
# Modeling for Flutter Suppression

- **Model elements**

- structural dynamics
- steady and unsteady aerodynamics (including control effects)
- turbulence effects
- actuators, sensors, controller effects



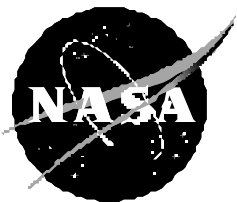
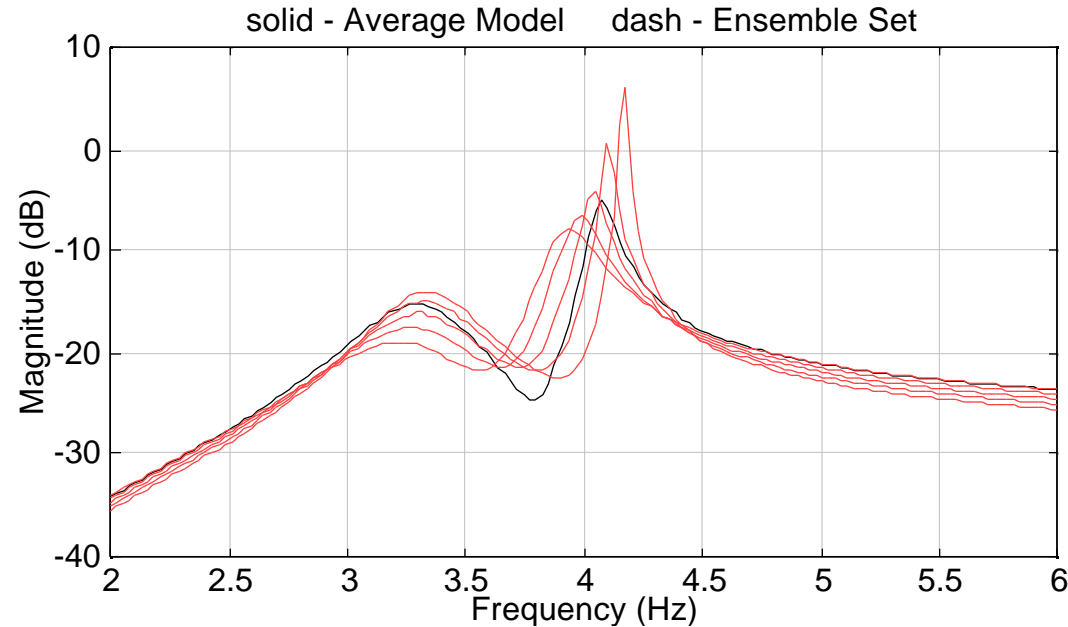
# P- Model





# Plant Model

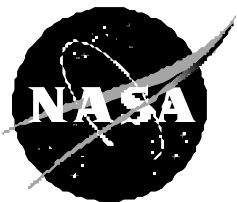
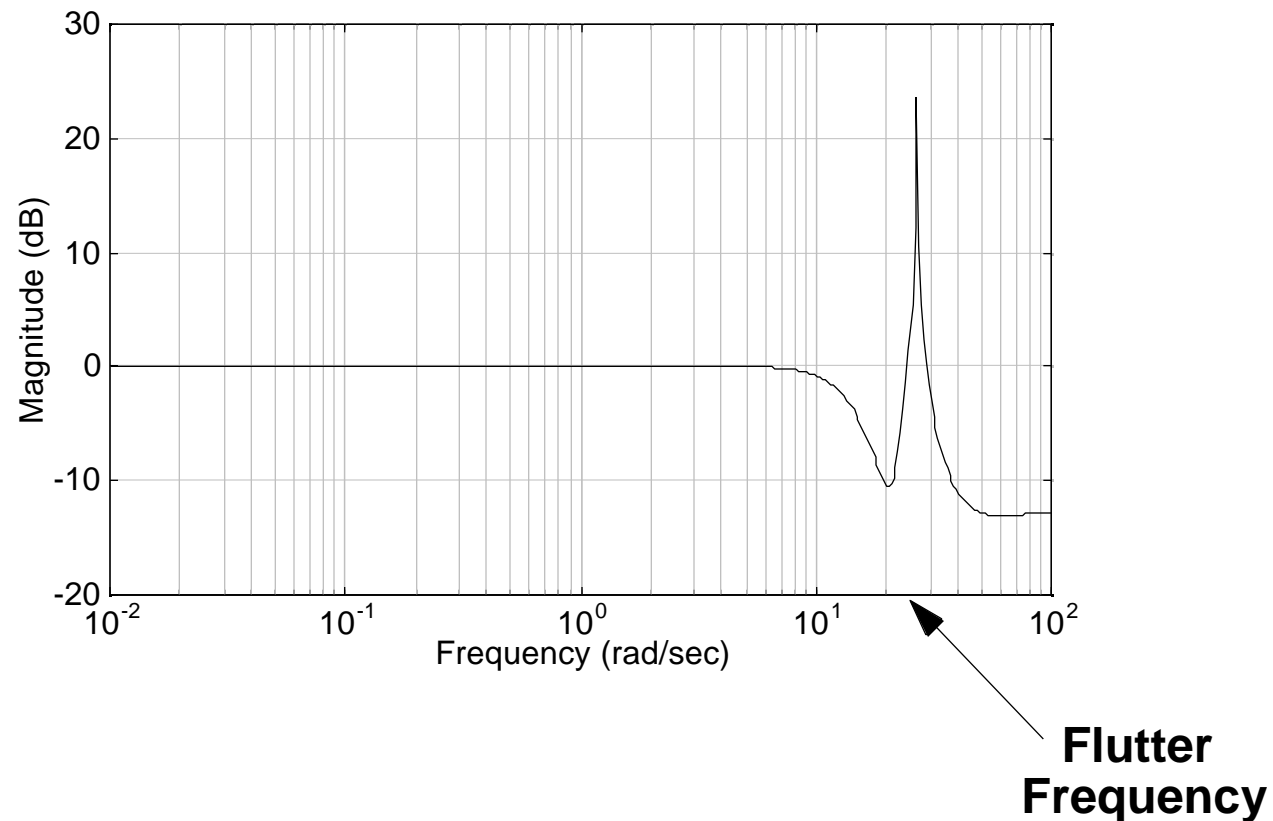
- Averaged over unstable conditions ( $q=155-195$  psf)
- Frequency weighted internally balanced reduction



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# Uncertainty Model

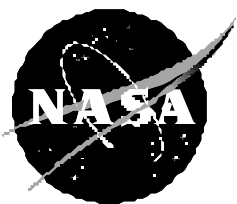
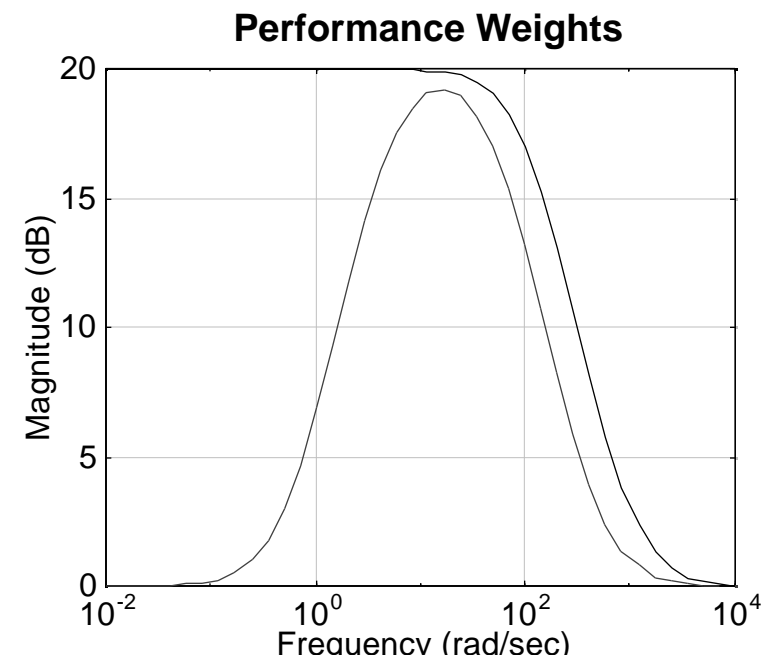
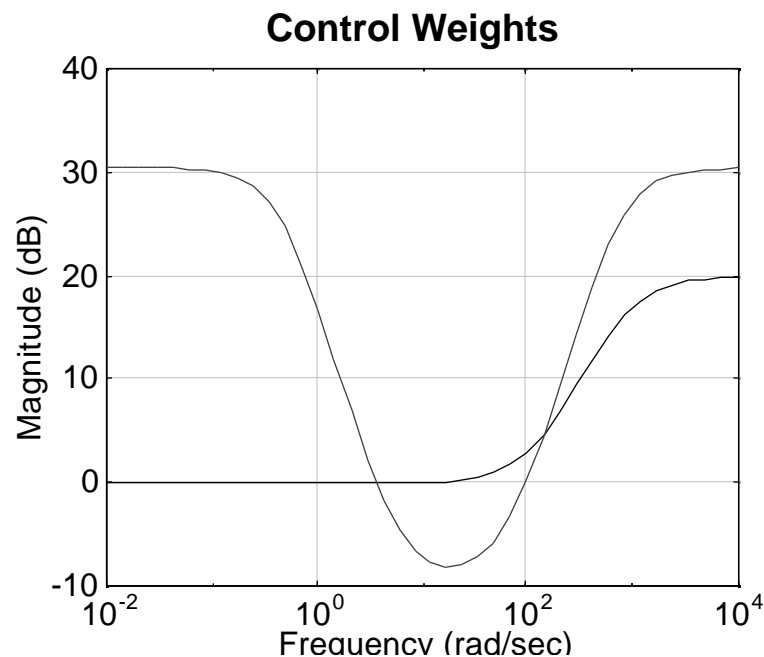
- Based on reduced averaged model and ensemble
- Output multiplicative form



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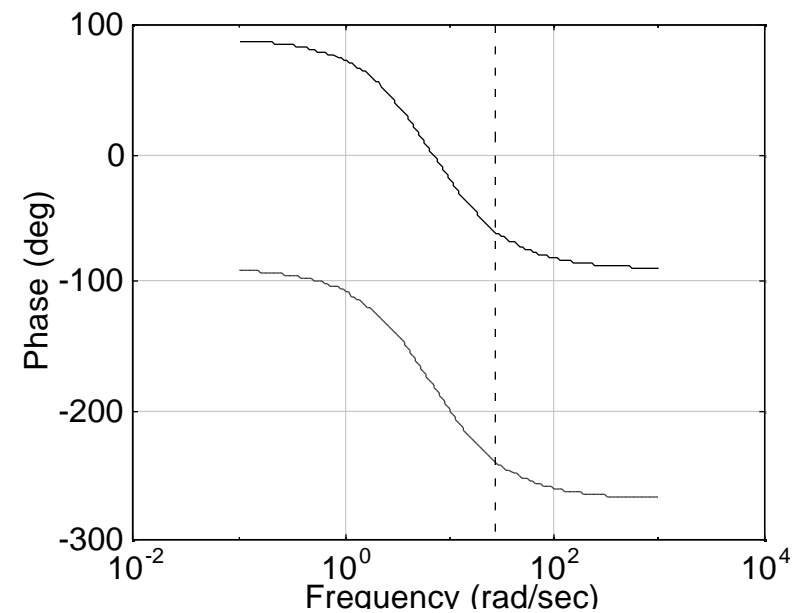
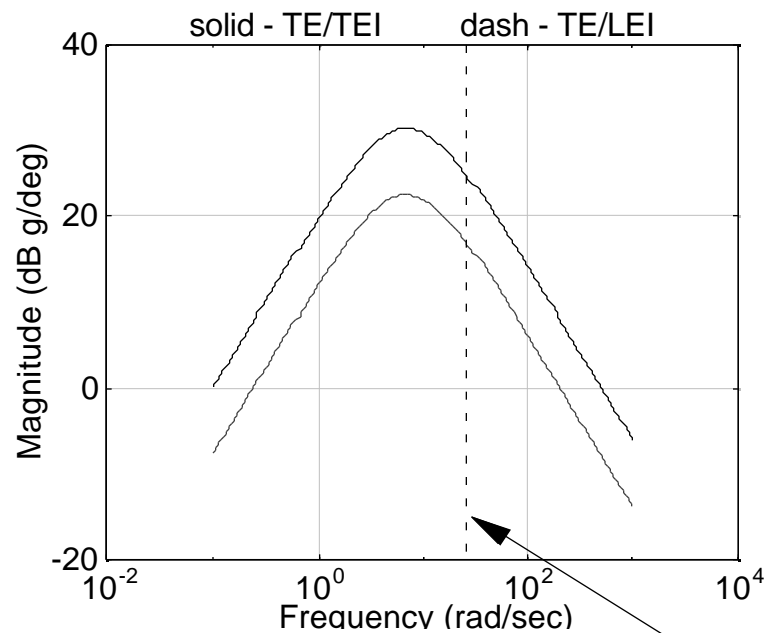
# Weighting Functions

- **Performance :**  $\max(\ddot{\theta}, \ddot{h}) < 0.01 g$
- **Control :**  $\max(\delta_{TE}, \delta_{US}) < 1.0 \text{ deg} \quad (3.0 \text{ deg})$
- **Output :**  $W_y = 1.0e - 4$

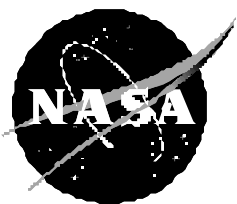


# SISO Control Law

- **Trailing Edge Flap Controller**



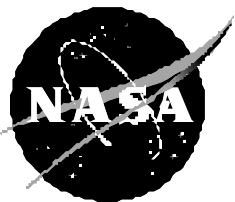
**Flutter  
Frequency**



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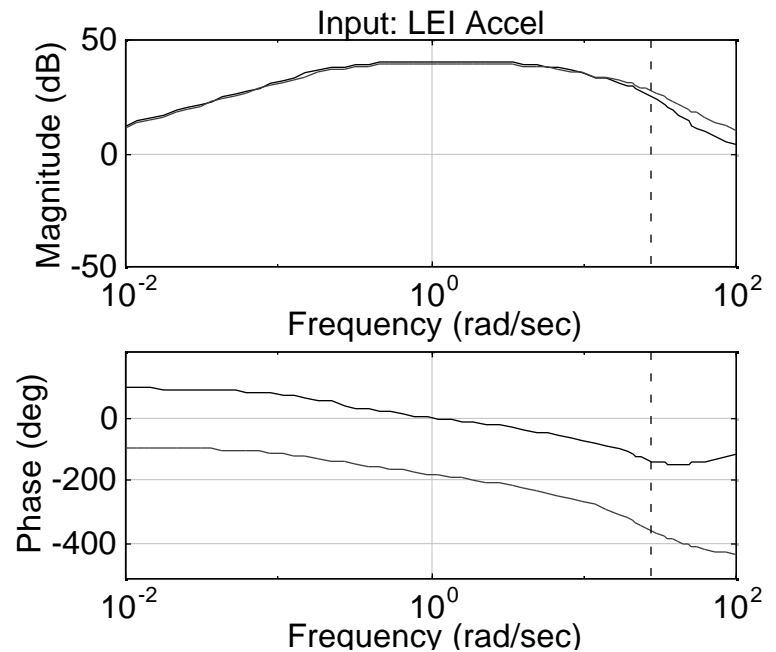
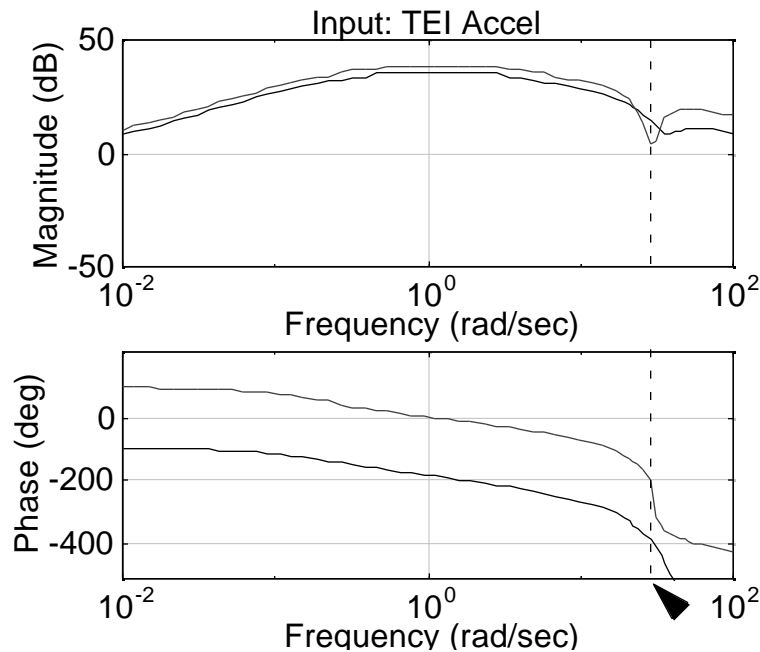
# Design Process

- **Apply design algorithms**
  - $H_\infty$  and  $\mu$ -synthesis
  - Used  $\mu$ -Analysis and Synthesis Toolbox (for MATLAB)
- **Reduce controller order**
  - required order - 24 states (or less)
  - frequency weighted internally balanced reduction
- **Augment washout filters**
  - low frequency attenuation was insufficient
  - significant biases and drift in accelerometer amps
- **Discretize control law**

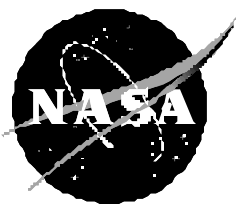


# Control Laws

- H Design #1



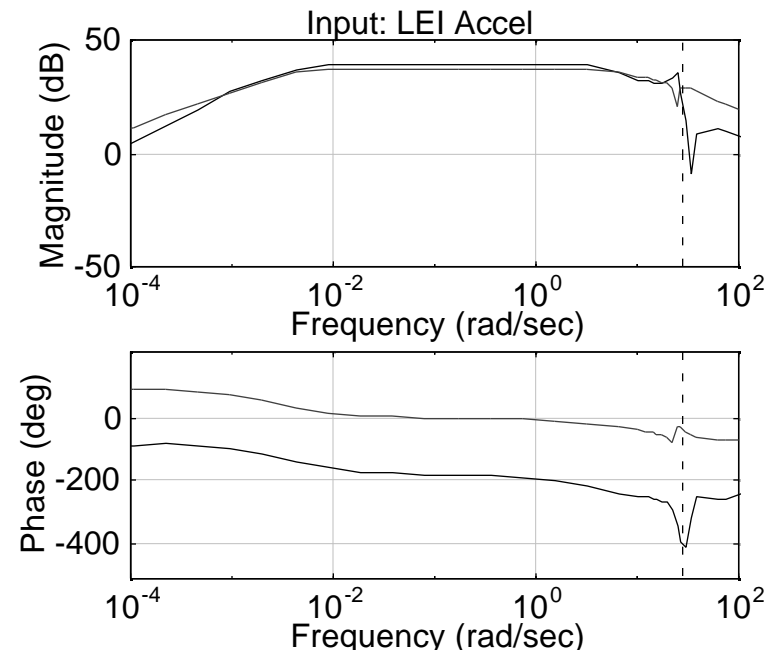
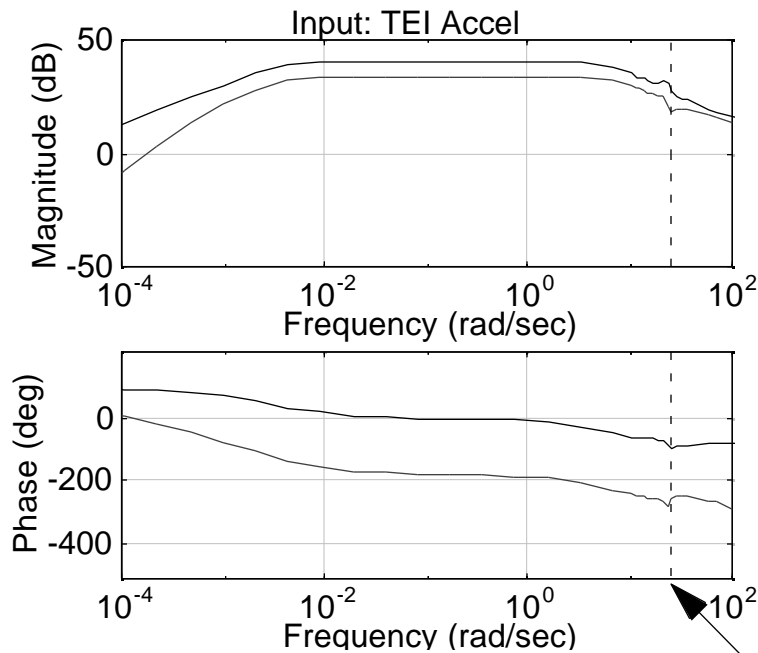
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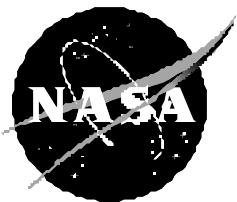
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# Control Laws

- $\mu$ -Synthesis Design #1



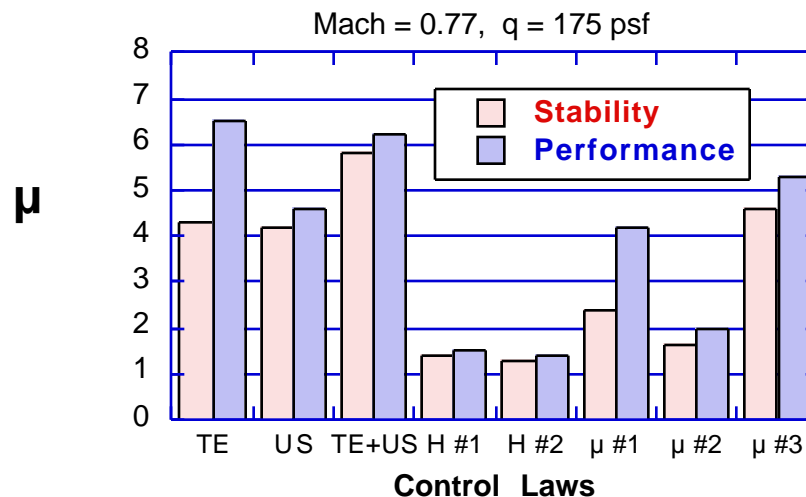
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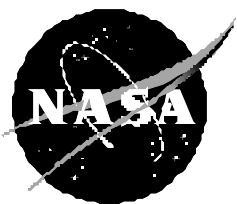
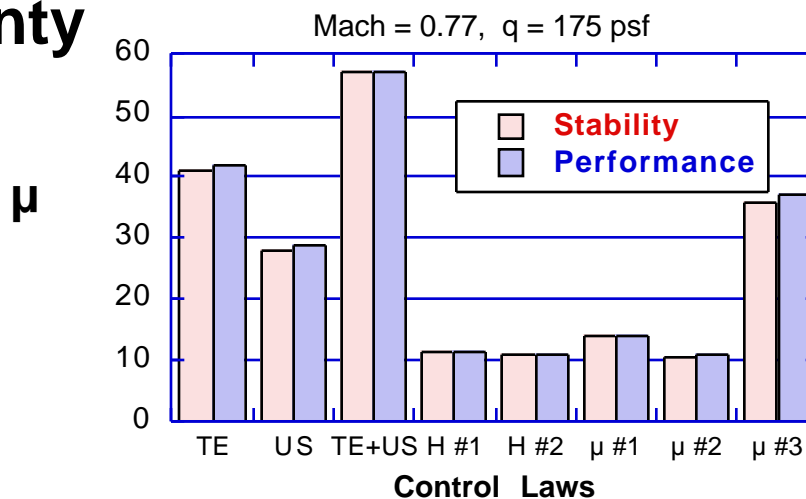
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# Robustness Analysis

- “Unit” Uncertainty



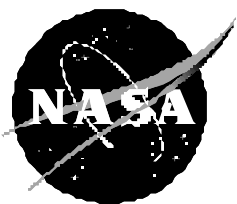
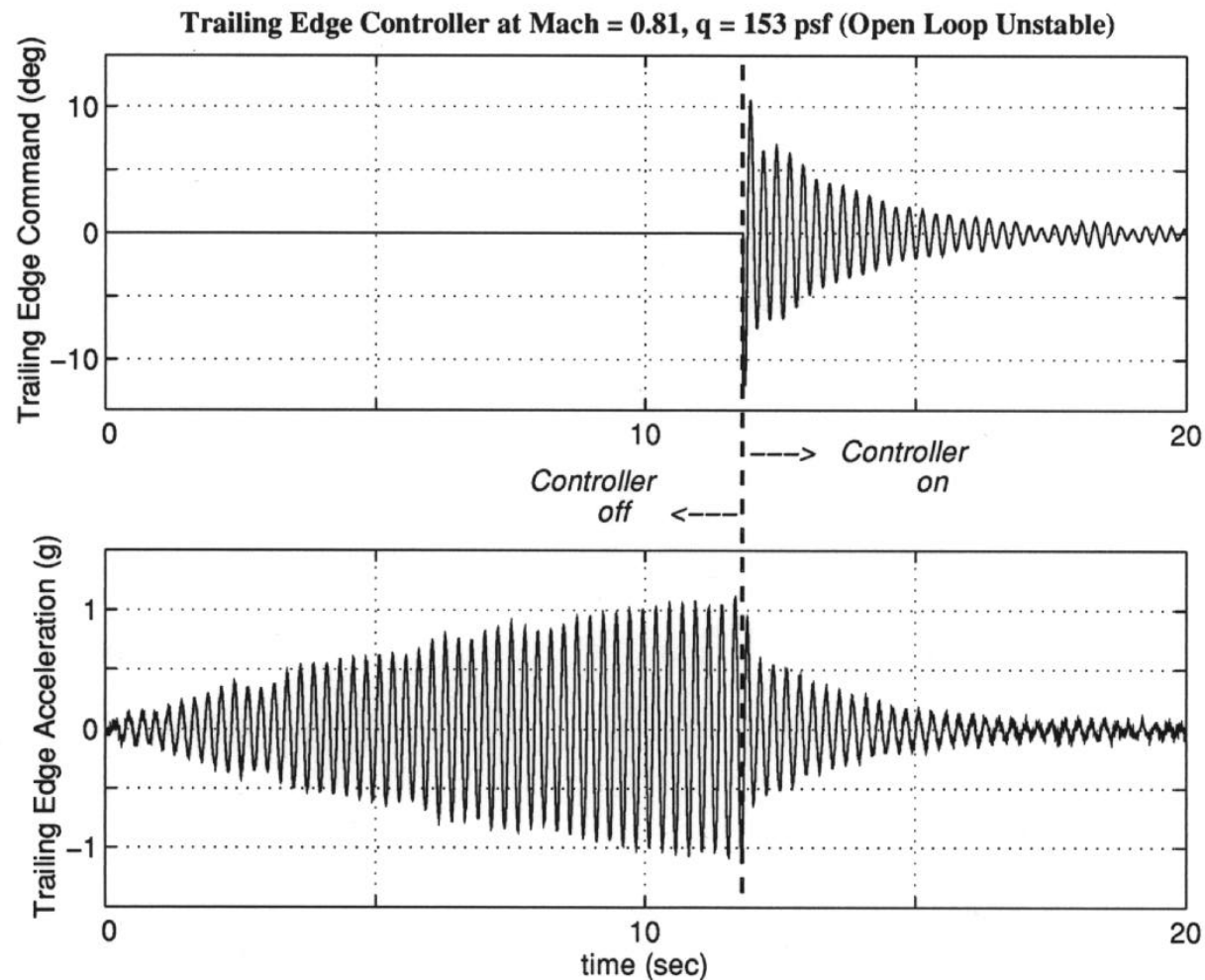
- “Average” Uncertainty



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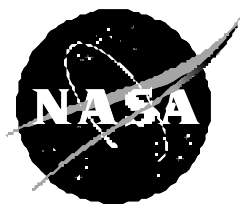
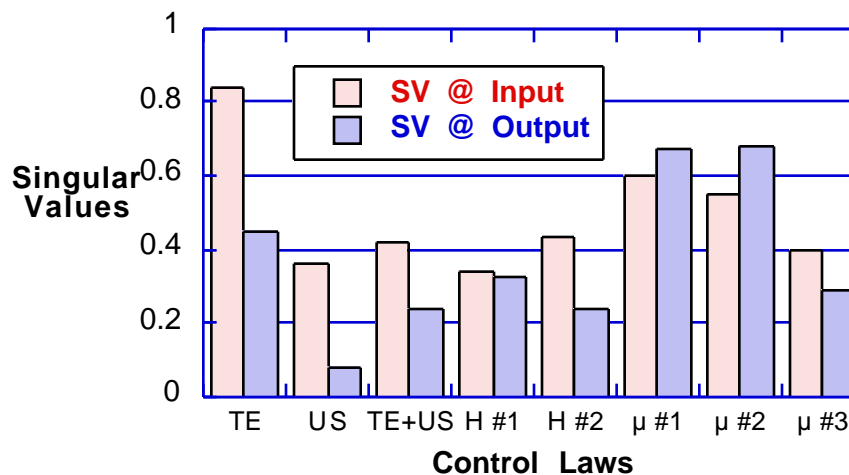
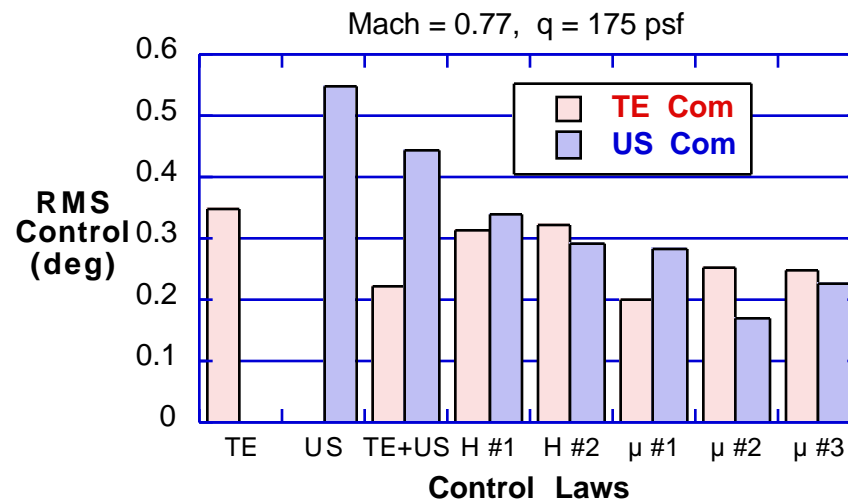
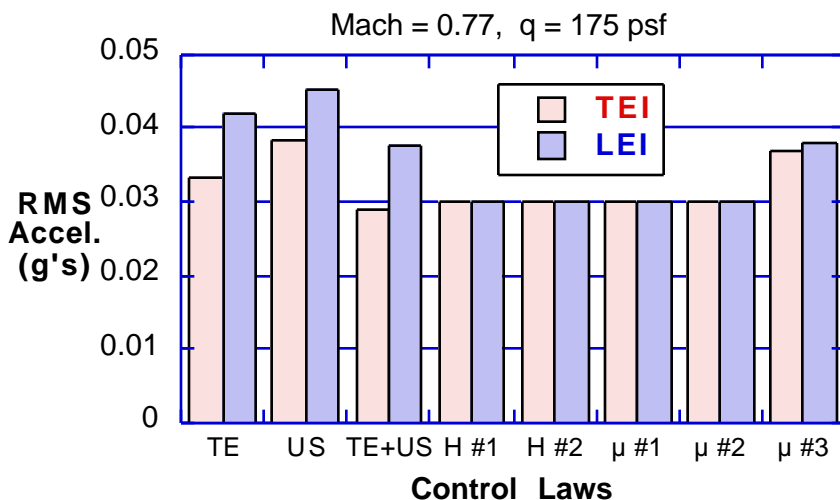


# Transient Response - Example



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# Experimental Results



# Concluding Remarks

- **Spoilers for Flutter Suppression**
  - Representative of “Innovative Control Effectors”
  - Additional Design Freedom
  - Enhanced Redundancy
- **Robust Multivariable Flutter Suppression**
  - Enhanced Performance (over SISO designs)
  - Enhanced Robustness
- **Design Issues**
  - Difficulty Accomodating Washout Filters
  - Difficulty Accomodating Model Order Limitations
  - Sensitivity to Performance Specifications
  - Numerical Algorithms and Convergence Issues

